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>From ???@??? Sat Jan 13 23:43:53 2007 -0600
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From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 3995
Message-Id: <20070114054152.B753E3183BE@srvr1.theporch.com>

BOATANCHORS Digest 3995

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by "David Stinson" <arc5@ix.netcom.com>
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by "Bill Hawkins" <bill@iaxs.net>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Electromechanical TV
Message-ID: <1168623873.45a7c9013639d@webmail.hiwaay.net>
Date: Fri, 12 Jan 2007 11:44:33 -0600 (CST)
From: scb@hiwaay.net
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Do a web search for "Scophony Television" and "Eidophor".
Fascinating stuff, the Scophony was a late '30s Brit projection system that worked very well but wasn't brought forward for no apparent reason. It could be done with a VCR head motor nowadays if anyone cared to try.

The Eidophor is about the most unlikely scheme imaginable, & it was the benchmark high-luminance giant-screen /theatre system for several decades until DLP started to recently replace it.

Steve Bringhurst

From: W4UOC@aol.com
Message-ID: <c72.a48a0fb.32d95939@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 12 Jan 2007 16:35:53 EST
Subject: Wanted SX-100 front panel insert
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;
boundary="-----1168637753"

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Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I am restoring a Hallicrafters SX-100 and am looking to replace the front panel insert that has the contro lettering on a silver and black insert. The one that I currently have has some areas rubbed off. If anyone has a parts rig with a decent panel insert I would like to purchase it.

Tom Koch - W4UOC
8170 Habersham Waters Road
Sandy Springs, GA 30350

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Date: Fri, 12 Jan 2007 17:12:55 -0600
From: John J Mccarty <jmccarty@alcatel-lucent.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Wanted J-68/ARC-3 Power Junction Box
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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I'm resending this because the first attempt got blocked by the servers due to a change in my email address. If you've seen it before, sorry

Looking for a J-68/ARC-3 power junction box (dynamotor mount). Have the dyno's, need the junction box to complete a ARC-3 project. A control box wouldn't hurt either.

tnx + 73

John n9hrt
jmccarty@alcatel-lucent.com

From: "Mike" <mike46@cwjamaica.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: "FO" LF Beacon
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 07:02:09 -0500

Message-ID: <000f01c7370a\$a74d7360\$0100000a@usern1yudx31pt>
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Can't remember where I copied the list of beacons from.

400 FO USA NY Suffolk County N 40 54 16 W 072 33 23

Mike VE7MMH

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No virus found in this outgoing message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.432 / Virus Database: 268.16.9/623 - Release Date:
1/11/2007 3:33 PM

From: "Ed Sieb" <esieb@sympatico.ca>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Replacing Greenwich Time with Mecca Time
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 18:04:37 -0500
Message-ID: <NIBBKNOFPNLAGHLELMPLCEMGLEAA.esieb@sympatico.ca>
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It's always 610AD in Mecca!

<http://memritv.org/Transcript.asp?P1=1349>

12/28/2006 Clip No. 1349

Egyptian Researcher Dr. Abd Al-Baset Al-Sayyed Explains the "Science" behind
His Demand to Abolish Greenwich Mean Time and Replace It with Mecca Time

Following are excerpts from an interview with Abd Al-Baset Al-Sayyid, of the
Egyptian National Research Center. The interview was aired on Mihwar TV on
December 26, 2006.

Abd Al-Baset Al-Sayyid: When British colonialism or the British kingdom were
in control, and it was "an empire on which the sun never sets," it imposed
Greenwich Mean Time. This creates two problems for the world. The first
problem is that in Greenwich, the magnetic field of Earth is 8.5 degrees,

whereas in Mecca the magnetic field is zero.

[...]

Interviewer: Before the break, we talked to Dr. Abd Al-Baset about the centrality of Mecca, and about the importance of measuring time according to the latitude of Mecca, and not according to the latitude of Greenwich... Why is it?

Abd Al-Baset Al-Sayyid: It has been proven that there is a certain discrepancy if we calculate it according to Greenwich. This discrepancy has been estimated as 8.5 minutes between the northern and southern hemispheres.

Interviewer: How much?

Abd Al-Baset Al-Sayyid: 8.5 minutes. Air traffice cannot be organized this way. They are aware of this, and so they try to change it.

Interviewer: Really?

Abd Al-Baset Al-Sayyid: Yes. If they calculated time according to Mecca, it would be the same in the northern and southern hemispheres.

Interviewer: Surely they know this...

Abd Al-Baset Al-Sayyid: Yes, but we have to work on these things. We must declare this, and we must convene a large conference with them, and tell them that time must be calculated according to Mecca.

Interviewer: What other benefits are there to calculating time according to Mecca?

Abd Al-Baset Al-Sayyid: If you calculate time according to Mecca, those 8.5 minutes... The magnetic field of Earth, for example... What I say is that there are people at the North Pole and the South Pole who cannot come here in multitudes.

Interviewer: Really?

Abd Al-Baset Al-Sayyid: This is because the magnetic force is concentrated there, which affects people's blood and the biological movement of life. It has been proven that if magnetism, anywhere, exceeds 1,000 gauss, which equals one tenth of a tesla, it affects the ability of the hemoglobin in the blood to carry oxygen to the body's tissues, the ability of the blood to carry oxygen to the tissues.

Interviewer: In other words, the ability to live...

Abd Al-Baset Al-Sayyid: Yes, to live... This means is that when you are in Mecca, the ability of the blood to carry oxygen to the tissues is greater than anywhere else in the world.

Interviewer: That's why, when people travel to Mecca, they return full of energy.

Abd Al-Baset Al-Sayyid: In Mecca, you don't exert any effort. That's why you may see an old man, who cannot walk, or who walks with crutches, and even though it gets very crowded around the Ka'ba, he is filled with great strength, and he circles the Ka'ba. You do not exert any effort, and you are filled with energy, because you are in a place in which there is no magnetic force.

[...]

Anybody who studies human chemistry knows that all circulation in the human body is to the right. All the components are called "dextro-rotatory," which means circulating to the right. They call it dextro-rotatory, which means circulating to the right. When I'm circulating [the Ka'ba] from right to left, anti-clockwise, I increase my body's circulation, and consequently I am filled with energy.

Interviewer: I get filled with energy too?

Abd Al-Baset Al-Sayyid: Yes, because the right-to-left circulation in my body increases.

From: W4UOC@aol.com
Message-ID: <c76.8a826d2.32dacb9b@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 18:56:11 EST
Subject: HQ-140-X mute question
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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I have a Hammarlund HQ-140 X which has a relay connection and an accessory socket.

The accessory socket is not shown on the schematic.

My question is how do you mute this receiver.

Do you use the relay connection or are there pins on the accessory socket used to mute the receiver?

I have searched the schematic and see no indication of the accessory socket.

Do you suppose this is a later mode?

Tom Koch - W4UOC

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Message-ID: <bea.a104ab8.32dacd80@cs.com>
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 19:04:16 EST
Subject: Re: Replacing Greenwich Time with Mecca Time
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Yep, and toilets probably don't work there, either. Water doesn't know which way to swirl. Which is why they have such a s***y outlook on life. :-)

In a message dated 1/13/2007 5:01:07 PM Central Standard Time,
esieb@sympatico.ca writes:

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Robert Downs - Houston
<http://www.wa5cab.com> (Web Store)
MVPA 9480
<wa5cab@cs.com> (Primary email)
<wa5cab@houston.rr.com> (Backup email)

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From: "Ed Zeranski" <ezeran@ezeran.cnc.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Replacing Greenwich Time with Mecca Time
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 17:00:03 -0800
Message-ID: <EMEPKDEJDNHEMLEAHGKHCEIFEAAA.ezeran@ezeran.cnc.net>
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Subject: Replacing Greenwich Time with Mecca Time
It's always 610AD in Mecca!

When setting up satcomm in the area there is very little pointing
correction. On the other hand, having worked all over the place over there,

after the Arabs created the zero they just quit.....yep still a 700AD mindset.

EdZ

From: "Ed Zeranski" <ezeran@ezeran.cnc.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Replacing Greenwich Time with Mecca Time
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 17:05:15 -0800
Message-ID: <EMEPKDEJDNHEMLEAHGKHIEIFAAAA.ezeran@ezeran.cnc.net>
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Subject: Re: Replacing Greenwich Time with Mecca Time

Yep, and toilets probably don't work there, either. Water doesn't know which way to swirl. Which is why they have such a s***y outlook on life. :-)

The toilets and most things to do with water are pretty iffy. And...there is no such thing as a 'no fly' zone in the Middle East.

EdZ

Message-ID: <45A9821E.7000700@bobkemp.com>
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 19:06:38 -0600
From: Bob Kemp <bkemp@bobkemp.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Drake R4B help
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
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The vfo or pto on my R4B seems to be off by about 110 kc - as I tune to the one end of the travel, the little "traveler" that rides on the screw drops off the very end. It appears that (somehow) this has overrun it's travel on the screw and it won't re-engage as I tune the other way.... Any ideas on how to adjust this???

Bob

From: "Ed Zeranski" <ezeran@ezeran.cnc.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Cc: <armyradios@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: RBC-RBB swap
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 17:20:56 -0800
Message-ID: <EMEPKDEJDNHEMLEAHGKHCEIHEAAA.ezeran@ezeran.cnc.net>
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charset="iso-8859-1"
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I have a decent RBC-5, grey, to swap for a contemporary RBB also grey. I have the black wrinkel sets RBA/RBB/RBC but want a grey mid '50s set to go with an SRT-14/15

Thanks!

EdZ

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Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 20:43:57 -0500
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From: "Comarow, Avery" <ACOMAROW@usnews.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

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Why do I have the feeling this is a hoax? A good one, if so. It plays = right into stereotypes and preconceptions. If it isn't, too bad. It = reinforces said stereotypes and preconceptions.

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Avery W3AVE

From: owner-boatanchors@theporch.com on behalf of Ed Zeranski
Sent: Sat 1/13/2007 8:05 PM
To: Old Tube Radios
Subject: RE: Replacing Greenwich Time with Mecca Time

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From: "David Stinson" <arc5@ix.netcom.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Replacing Greenwich Time with Mecca Time
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 19:53:20 -0600
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>...It plays right into stereotypes and preconceptions....

While I can't speak to these specific examples, Avery-
one thing the media and academe often decide to overlook

is that some "stereotypes and preconceptions" exist because they are so nearly true.

Message-ID: <001601c7377f\$9b3cdd20\$731bc847@HAL1000>
From: "B. Smith" <smithab11@comcast.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Replacing Greenwich Time with Mecca Time
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Well the first mistake is time is relative to Longitude not latitude. Unless of course the Sun rises in the South and sets in the North at Mecca. Last time I flew over it that was not the case.

breck k4che

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From: W9MWS@aol.com
Message-ID: <cc7.82e5a36.32daf773@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 22:03:15 EST
Subject: Alpha 87A looking for a new home
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;
boundary="-----1168743795"

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Amplifier in Excellent++ condition. No marks, scratches, dings or dents anywhere! Full output all bands. Checked and updated by Alpha in 2004 to latest revision. Spare set of new tubes. Tubes were unpacked, checked, put in

the amp to test and then pulled and repacked in their original packing.
Original manuals and boxes are also included.

Asking \$4000 plus shipping from 46835

Please contact me off list at: _w9mws@arrl.com_ (mailto:w9mws@arrl.com)

Thanks and 73
Mike W9MWS
Fort Wayne, IN

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Subject: Re: Replacing Greenwich Time with Mecca Time
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Obviously the time errors Echen Duchon Doktor Al-Baset quotes do not actually occur. The time system on the planet is tied to mean high noon on the 0 meridian, which occurs at the same instant +/- minor wobble from latitude +90 - axial tilt to latitude -90 + axial tilt and is independent of latitude.

If the time system were based upon local mean sunrise or sunset, you would

get an error related to the axial tilt and the local latitude.

Furthermore, the magnetic field strength values mentioned are roughly three orders of magnitude higher than the Earth's field at most places on the surface.

So I conclude that it is either a hoax or that the good Doktor went to an Arab school and is clueless regarding what actually happens on the surface of the planet.

However, my toilet comment is valid. I once spent three months in northern Libya in Italian built housing equipped with toilets built for use in the southern hemisphere. I've crossed the equator several times but always on aircraft. So I've never had the opportunity to observe what happens to the swirl at 0 degrees.

In a message dated 1/13/2007 8:00:40 PM Central Standard Time, smithab11@comcast.net writes:

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Robert & Susan Downs - Houston
<<http://www.wa5cab.com>> (Web Store)
MVPA 9480
<wa5cab@cs.com> (Primary email)
<wa5cab@houston.rr.com> (Backup email)

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From: "Ed Sieb" <esieb@sympatico.ca>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: 11 Pin octal connectors needed.
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 23:06:39 -0500
Message-ID: <NIBBKNOFPNLAGHLELMPLAEMPLEAA.esieb@sympatico.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Recently there was an ongoing thread about 11 pin Octals. Since I didn't need any, I deleted the posts. Now, I need a couple. Could that person who offered the 11 pin Octals please get in touch with me? I could use two complete sets, male and female.

Ed, VA3ES

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Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 20:07:32 -0800
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Jim Hill <Jim2_w6ivw@cox.net>
Subject: Re: Countersaurus resurrected
Cc: vilgotch@bigpond.net.au
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hi Morris:
Nice to hear that someone got his running. I have a 524C/D with plug ins I need to do something with. Good idea to fix it before you get too old to pick it up, which I think has happened to me! Too bad you live so far away, as you might like one of my Tektronix 500 series scopes. Ask Arden Allen if he ever fixed the 524 he got from me. Well, if nothing else, I had the opportunity to meet a fellow boatanchor guy.
Jim

At 03:44 AM 1/7/2007, you wrote:
>Hi all,

>
>Thanks to all who replied to my post. It's encouraging to hear from
>others who have a 524 either working or "on the stack". I have now
>completely buttoned up this one and have another "C" coming so will
>end up reasonably experienced with them. I'd be glad to help anyone
>else with any advice I can if you embark on restoring one of these
>wonderful relics.

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>73 to all,

>
>Morris

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From: "Bill Hawkins" <bill@iaxs.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Replacing Greenwich Time with Mecca Time
Date: Sat, 13 Jan 2007 23:24:24 -0600
Message-ID: <002101c7379c\$40d07e60\$0900a8c0@cyrus>
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Before Jack shuts this down, one of the first things a group of college freshmen (including me) tried was to cover the center drain in a communal shower about 16 feet square and fill it with several inches of water. The sill was high enough to contain it. We let it settle down and then carefully uncovered the drain by pulling on a string. The direction of swirl was not repeatable. We were a long way from Mecca.

The Coriolis force is not strong enough to influence the swirl of a flushing toilet. The direction is set by the water pipe to the bowl, if it is set at all.

Glad we established all of this as a hoax. I was troubled by the fact that magnetic inclination and "time error" were both 8.5. There is no time error because the measurement of time is defined, not natural.

Time zones were defined when railroads had to maintain a schedule to use the same tracks without collisions, about 1850. Before that, we all used natural time, which is solar or sundial time. Many Arabs still use solar time for prayers.

Regards,
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-----Original Message-----

From: owner-boatanchors@theporch.com

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Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2007 9:07 PM

To: Old Tube Radios

Subject: Re: Replacing Greenwich Time with Mecca Time

Obviously the time errors Echen Duchen Doktor Al-Baset quotes do not actually occur. The time system on the planet is tied to mean high noon on the 0 meridian, which occurs at the same instant +/- minor wobble from latitude +90 - axial tilt to latitude -90 + axial tilt and is independent of latitude.

If the time system were based upon local mean sunrise or sunset, you would get an error related to the axial tilt and the local latitude.

Furthermore, the magnetic field strength values mentioned are roughly three orders of magnitude higher than the Earth's field at most places on the surface.

So I conclude that it is either a hoax or that the good Doktor went to an Arab school and is clueless regarding what actually happens on the surface of the planet.

However, my toilet comment is valid. I once spent three months in northern Libya in Italian built housing equipped with toilets built for use in the southern hemisphere. I've crossed the equator several times but always on aircraft. So I've never had the opportunity to observe what happens to the swirl at 0 degrees.

In a message dated 1/13/2007 8:00:40 PM Central Standard Time, smithab11@comcast.net writes:

> Well the first mistake is time is relative to Longitude not latitude.

> Unless

> of course the Sun rises in the South and sets in the North at Mecca.

> Last time I flew over it that was not the case.

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> Interviewer: Before the break, we talked to Dr. Abd Al-Baset about the

> centrality of Mecca, and about the importance of measuring time

> according to the longitude of Mecca, and not according to the latitude

> of Greenwich... Why is it?

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